

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Annual Meeting 2024

Agenda Item 2.1

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Commonwealth Report**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee NOTE:
 - a. **A Commonwealth-funded project to support EAD awareness and significant disease investigation capability among private veterinarians.**

BACKGROUND

2. *Earlier this year, the Commonwealth provided an out-of-session paper to AHC (AHC45_OOS21) outlining a project to increase EAD awareness and build capacity among private veterinarians to undertake significant disease investigations. The project outline is being shared with the NSDIP Committee for information.*

DISCUSSION

3. In 2023, the Commonwealth proposed funding a pilot Southern Australia Biosecurity Surveillance Network (SABSnet), modelled on the existing Northern Australian Biosecurity Surveillance Network (NABSnet). The proposed SABSnet program was not supported by AHC.
4. Based on AHC feedback, an alternative project proposal was developed to increase EAD awareness and build capacity among private veterinarians. A broad outline of the project is provided at **Attachment A**.
5. The project will serve to complement, rather than replace, existing private veterinarian capacity-building and awareness programs in each state and territory.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The funding for this project will be provided by the Commonwealth.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

7. The project proposal is the result of extensive consultation with AHC, and with the AVA, AHA, and WHA. Overall, the project is well supported by stakeholders and will be implemented over the 2024-2025 financial year.

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

8. The Commonwealth will develop a detailed project plan, taking into consideration comments provided by AHC members, and commence the procurement process.
9. The Commonwealth will provide AHC, and the NSDIP Committee, with progress updates.
10. The Commonwealth may ask for jurisdictional support to promote the program among private practitioners, and for jurisdictional representatives to provide information on existing surveillance programs, including subsidies and training, to nominated private practitioners.

Attachment A: *Project to increase EAD awareness and build capacity of private veterinarians*

FEEDBACK

The Commonwealth will review the annual report, jurisdictional reports, and evaluation outcomes for the NSDIP, when these are received.

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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Q2 The National Significant Disease Investigation Program has provided opportunities to private veterinarians for gaining the necessary knowledge and skills to investigate and report on disease events.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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Q3 The National Significant Disease Investigation Program has helped to improve the level of notifiable disease investigations through effective engagement with private veterinarians and assisting in funding investigations that may not have progressed otherwise.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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